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## News Release

### Durham Police Department

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#### **Durham Police Chief Announces Promotions**

Durham Police Chief Jose L. Lopez Sr. has announced the promotion of five officers including one deputy chief, one assistant chief, one captain, one lieutenant and one corporal. The promotions are effective as of today, April 8. [The top ranks of the Durham Police Department include one police chief, two deputy police chiefs and four assistant police chiefs].

##### **Deputy Chief Anthony R. Marsh Sr.**

Anthony R. Marsh Sr. has been promoted to the position of Deputy Chief, the second highest rank in the department. Marsh, who joined the Police Department in 1995, will be the Deputy Chief over the Operations Support Bureau. He is the former Assistant Chief over the North Operations Bureau, which includes District 1, District 2 and the Central District. Marsh has served in the Uniform Patrol Bureau, Criminal Investigations Division and Professional Standards Division/Staff Inspections. He has also served as assistant commander of District 5/Central District and as the commander of District 3. He also served as the commander of the Professional Standards Division, which includes Internal Affairs, Accreditation, Staff Inspections, Taxi/Towing Inspections and ABC Permits, and Secondary Employment. Marsh graduated from Mount Olive College, received his MBA from Pfeiffer University and is a graduate of the 52<sup>nd</sup> session of the Senior Management Institute for Police at the Police Executive Research Forum.

“This is an exciting and humbling achievement that is shared by many people. I have to give thanks to God for blessing my labors; to my wife and family for their patience and support; to the Chief and other officials for their confidence in me; and finally to every instructor, training officer, supervisor, co-worker, mentor and friend who has shared some insight over the years,” Marsh said. “I am looking forward to the challenge of helping to lead one of the finest law enforcement agencies in the country. I’m also looking forward to continuing our partnership with our public officials and our citizens as we continue to work towards attaining our shared goal of a safe and livable community.”

**Assistant Chief Rick Pendergrass**

Rick Pendergrass joined the Police Department in 1993 after working as a Durham County sheriff's deputy. He has served as an officer in the Patrol Bureau, CATT (Crime Area Target Team) and the Organized Crime Division and was a corporal on the Selective Enforcement Team (SET). Pendergrass was a sergeant in CATT, the Training Division and the Special Operations Division. As a lieutenant, he worked in the Professional Standards Division and Special Operations Division. He served as captain in District 4 and the Special Operations Division, and most recently as commander of the Professional Standards Division. Pendergrass will be the Assistant Chief over the North Operations Bureau, which includes District 1, District 2 and the Central District.

**Captain Laura J. Clayton**

Laura Clayton, who joined the Police Department in 1991, has been promoted to the rank of captain and will be the commander of the Professional Standards Division. She has served as an officer in the Patrol Bureau, Crime Area Target Team (CATT) and the Domestic Violence Unit. She worked in the Special Operations Division as a corporal and has been a sergeant in Uniform Patrol and the Central District/District 5 Property and Violent Crimes Unit. She most recently served as a lieutenant in the Professional Standards Division. She has received an Associate of Applied Science degree in criminal justice technology from Durham Technical Community College, a Bachelor of Science in management from the University of Phoenix and an Associate of Arts degree in graphic design from The Art Institute of Raleigh-Durham. She has also attended the City of Durham Management Academy and the Administrative Officers Management Program at North Carolina State University.

**Lieutenant George C. Zeipekkis**

George Zeipekkis graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1992 with a Baccalaureate in History and joined the Durham Police Department in 1999. Zeipekkis has served in Uniform Patrol and as a violent crimes investigator. He worked as a corporal in Central District/District 5 and with the Gang Unit. He was a sergeant at District 2-D for almost five years before he transferred to the Special Operations Division – Interdiction Unit last summer. Zeipekkis is a Firearms Instructor and Patrol Rifle Instructor. He will serve as the assistant commander of the Special Operations Division.

In addition, Officer Earl M. Quick has been promoted to corporal and assigned to Uniform Patrol, Squad 2-D.